

PROPOSED TIME LINE FOR SENATE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

2021

June 17, 2021	Senate Ethics Committee appointed by President Garcia and Minority Leader Holbert
Friday, June 25, 2021	Organizational meeting Consider adopting committee procedures and time line Committee decides whether to request and compile additional evidence
<i>Within 10 days after appointment of Cmte:</i> On or before June 28, 2021*	Sen. Gardner's answer, if any, due to the Committee
[Date]	Receipt of additional evidence requested by the Committee
[Date]	Second meeting of the Committee
[Date]	Possible third meeting of the Committee
[Date]	Confidential staff report, if requested, due to Committee: Staff report could analyze: (1) How factual allegations of the complaint and answer compare; (2) whether there are factual issues that need further investigation; (3) whether the allegations of the complaint state a violation of law or rule cited in the complaint; (4) whether further legal research is needed; and (5) possible recommendations
<i>Within 30 days after appointment of Cmte:</i> On or before July 19, 2021**	Meeting to consider whether there is probable cause to believe an ethics violation may have occurred. Committee takes action to determine whether the complaint should be dismissed on the basis that probable cause does not exist. Committee votes whether to dismiss or proceed. It may wish to provide further direction to staff. Preliminary investigation completed. If Committee determines that probable cause exists, it must notify Senator Gardner.
<i>Within 7 days after Senator Gardner notified that probable cause exists:</i> On or before [Date]	If probable cause is found, request for evidentiary hearing.

	Senator Gardner may request a hearing before the Committee at which witnesses may testify and cross-examination may occur.
<i>Within 14 days after receipt of the request for a hearing:</i> On or before [Date]	Evidentiary hearing must commence.
To be determined	Recommendation to the Senate If the Committee has proceeded to a hearing, it makes its final recommendations to the Senate based on the evidence presented at the hearing(s).
To be determined	Action by the Senate Final action by the Senate on the Committee's recommendations.

Italic type indicates time periods required by Senate Rule 43 – Committee on Ethics

*The 10th day falls on Sunday, June 27, 2021. The next business day is Monday, June 28, 2021.

**The 30th day falls on Saturday, July 17, 2021. The next business day is Monday, July 19, 2021.